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THE EDITOR SICK.

The editor of THE COMMONWEALTH has been sick in bed ever since the last issue was printed, and has had no oversight of the paper except to dictate this statement and offer minor suggestions.

The readers of the paper will note the absence of the usual editorial paragraph work on the first page. For a number of years the editor has made it a point under all sorts of circumstances, to see that this department of the paper has been kept up, and only one time perhaps before this has he failed to do so.

We trust our readers will exercise due patience with all the short-comings of the paper this week. It has been in charge of the printers, who have the mechanical work to do, and therefore have had little time for gathering news.

With this explanation, dictated in bed, we have to let the work go for this week.

WORDS FITLY SPOKEN.

THE COMMONWEALTH commends to the people of Scotland Neck and its readers in other towns the following good sense taken from the Sanford Express:

"When you pull down the town in which is your home, you are pulling down yourself, and when you build it up you build up yourself and your neighbor. Try and banish from your mind the mistaken idea that all good things are away off in some other locality. Give your town all the praise it can legitimately bear. It certainly will do you no harm and will cost you nothing, and above all patronize your home institutions."

FAITH IN THE PEOPLE.

The Portland Oregonian, which has been liberally quoted, makes some very strong points and suggestions about the faith and confidence of the people in the following:

Among the plain people of this country are to be found substantial morality, common sense and the will to bear burdens for the common good. They pay the taxes, do the work and think the sound thoughts of the nation. Power in their possession is much safer for all of us than when it is intrusted to some special class, no matter how superior that class may believe itself to be. Such notions of superiority seldom prove well grounded under the test of practice. To the Washington Post's opinion that "we need more faith in public men" one may give a guarded assent. It depends somewhat upon the character of the man. In Mr. Platt and Mr. Dryden, perhaps, our faith is as great as the circumstances really warrant. In Mr. Roosevelt we might repose more without doing any harm. In general public men receive as much confidence as they merit, and some of them a great deal more. When a man earns the faith of the people by his deeds he seldom fails to get it in full measure. When he proves treacherous to the people and conspires to misgovern and plunder them, it is asking a good deal to expect the voters to have faith in him.

Faith in the people is much more warranted by the course of our American experience than general confidence in public men as such. The fact that a man holds office does not endow him with virtue or wisdom. Very often he has obtained office by the worst methods and displays the worst of characteristics while in power. It is useless to ask the people to forego the right to distrust and criticize their public servants. It is doubly useless to hope to counteract the movement toward direct nominations and direct elections.

What Our Reporter Saw in New York.

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THE LEGISLATURE ADJOURNS.

Some Running Observations of Its Work and Members.

The General Assembly adjourned Monday, and just on the eve of adjournment Mr. H. E. C. Bryant, one of the Charlotte Observer staff correspondents, wrote to his paper from Raleigh the following letter:

Raleigh, March 10.—The Legislature will adjourn to-morrow. Many of the Senators and Representatives have gone home, but there will be no trouble about quorums. Many laws that will work good to the people of the State have been made. A number of wild, foolish measures were projected, but the conservatism of the Democratic party has prevented any radical legislation.

The Legislature has not developed a leader. The Senate is composed of a number of very able men, most of whom have stood for fairness and justice. In a large measure the north end of the legislative body has shaped the important laws. The House has been somewhat harum scarum. There are some very able legislators on its roll, but their efforts have been scattered. It is generally understood that Ex-Lieutenant Governor Doughton, of Alleghany, has led the fight for the conservatives, while Speaker Justice has conducted the campaign for the radicals.

JUSTICE LOST HIS HOLD.

Up to the last week Mr. Justice had smooth sailing but he went a little too far and lost his hold. Mr. Justice made the mistake of his life when he ran for Speaker, and his friends cut his wings when they gave him the seat of honor. On the floor of the House he is bold, courageous and smart, but in the Speaker's chair is almost a failure. In appointing his committees he uses the power given him, but when debates are on he is restive and eager to enter the fray. In other words, the present Speaker of the House is a natural-born fighter, and he likes not a dull time. In debate he is aggressive, fearless and clever. His views are extreme; they have always been so. He could not be a conservative. Therefore as Speaker Mr. Justice has not done as well as he would have done as floor leader of the House. Men of ability and character resent the sort of generalship that he has resorted to. Not being able to accomplish such results as he desired from the chair, the Speaker has spent much of his time on the floor. He has not been willing to trust his pet measures in the hands of others. Although he may be more forceful, abler and more effective than others, his friends do not like to have him constantly reminding them of his opinion of their lack of power by rallying forth to advocate every important bill. There is no doubt about the presence of such feeling.

HIS INFLUENCE NOT SO GREAT.

Hence the influence of Mr. Justice has not been as great as it might have been, nor as great as it promised to be earlier in the session. No one doubts the Speaker's ability, courage or assurance, but many have seen his error. His place was on the floor of the House, for there he could have organized the splendid raw material into a great fighting force. There is no lack of splendid ability in the House, but the absence of a forceful leader, one who could organize his clans, has been very evident. Very few men like the responsibility of such a position, but it brings power and glory. Team work in a football team and organization in a law-making body count. Mr. Justice is dying hard. He has as many lives as a cat and the tenacity of a bull terrier.

"THE BLUNDER OF 1907."

The call for an investigation of certain newspaper stories concerning the influence of Mr. Josephus Daniels upon the railroad rate bill will go down in history as "the blunder of the Legislature of 1907." The people of the State are laughing at the absurdity of the proposition. "Do you know what it all reminds me of?" asked a well-known lawyer at the Yarrowborough to-day. "If a bumble bee were to sail in the window of the Capitol and light on the bald head of a distinguished member and the said legislator were to lift himself up and say to the sergeant-at-arms: 'Come here and stop this thing from camping on my cranium,' it would be no more ridiculous."

Night before last the Senate and the House appointed a conference committee on the anti-trust bill. Yesterday The News and Observer was screaming at the top of its voice about the poor people who had asked for bread and gotten a stone in the Senate anti-trust bill amendment. There was not one editorial, but several on the subject. Who Mr. Daniels was talking to in those stirring editorials no one with any sense or knowledge of political affairs in this State would have to think to answer. The committee did not agree, but Mr. Daniels had done all within his power to have an agreement on a bill that would suit him.

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AN UNSOLVED MYSTERY.

The Williams investigating committee did what it could to get the balance of the story of "the 60-mile" limit and Mr. Page and Mr. Daniels, but nothing definite has been discovered. The mystery will ever remain unsolved. A few years ago a kind father in Caldwell county was asked by his 6-year-old daughter where the little baby, which her mother had in her possession, came from. "Why, I found your little brother in a beegum, floating down the river," was the evasive reply. Within the next few days the newspapers of the State printed the story of a child who had been found floating down the Catawba in a beehive. The news spread and an investigation revealed the fact that the 6-year-old girl had repeated her father's story. An insignificant remark had set the world on its ears. Col. Polly Peele, of Scotland, says that his experience with investigating committees has taught him to keep his mouth shut. If Rev. Plato Durham, of Charlotte, had not been brought down here the investigation would not have been considered seriously by any except those gentlemen who had been selected to find out the originator of the story. The committee will exonerate the conferees and roast the unknown informant.

POLITICAL POT TO BOIL.

When the legislators have returned to their homes the political pot will begin to boil and bubble. The two wings of the grand old Democratic party are going to line up, face to face, and fight one of the most vigorous wars ever waged. The conservatives, not the old goldbugs or the Clevelandites, but the conservative Democrats who have stood by the nominees of the party through its ups and downs, and the radicals, those who say that they hear "the people" crying for drastic legislation, will contend for the control of the party nominations before the primaries and county and State conventions. In the radical lines will be Mr. Ed Justice, Mr. William W. Kitchin, Mr. Rube Reid and others, fighting the party organization. The two elements have come to the parting of the ways. The old line Democrats who have stood aloof for years will join hands with the conservatives, and the Populists will fall in with the radicals. The State convention of 1908 will be the most interesting ever held in North Carolina. There will be before the convention such men as Locke Craig, R. N. Page, E. F. Aydtlett, Fred A. Woodard, Ashley Horne, Francis D. Winston, Jno. D. Bellamy and Wm. W. Kitchin for the nomination for Governor. The position of Mr. Kitchin is known. It is conceded that he will lead the ultra-radicals. His fellow congressman, save one, would be with the organization. Mr. Rube Reid, of Rockingham, is slated by his friends for Mr. Kitchin's place. Messrs. J. C. Buxton, of Forsyth, and A. L. Brooks, of Greensboro, will contest his nomination before the district convention.

CHANGE IN THE COMBINE.

It appears that the "fifth district combine" is undergoing a change. Mr. Justice will not be nominated unless he can defeat such men as Col. Neill, Arch McLean, Judge B. B. Winborne and Ed Travis. Mr. W. R. Odell, of Cabarrus, may be a candidate for Lieutenant Governor. He is a man of sense and would represent the business interests of North Carolina.

The name of Mr. James S. Manning, of Durham, has been mentioned in connection with this nomination. The friends of Mr. Walker Taylor, of Wilmington, would like to see him have the second place on the next State ticket. Senator C. A. Webb, of Asheville, may be brought out for the same honor. But one thing is certain, the people are going to know which side of the battle line a would-be delegate is on before they vote for him. There are hundreds of young Democrats in North Carolina who are going to take part in the next Democratic State convention. Many who have been apathetic will manifest enthusiasm. If the clarion call is sounded the forces will rally around the standards of the conservatives and the radicals.

H. E. C. BRYANT.

President Moore to Halifax Farmers.
Following is the letter President C. C. Moore of the North Carolina Division of the Southern Cotton Association sent to the Halifax meeting Monday of last week:

Charlotte, N. C., Mch. 1, '07.
Mr. E. E. Hilliard,
Scotland Neck, N. C.

Dear Sir:—I understand the Halifax county Association meets next Monday. I shall be glad for you to give the members a message from me. You can say that we have every reason to be encouraged. The Birmingham convention in its immensity gave new life to the Association all over the South, and the effects of that enthusiastic meeting are being felt in every State.

Our own State work is receiving help and support from good men who last year stood back to see how the boys would come along. Now since these good men see that the boys really did make good, that the minimum price was maintained, they are helping our cause and it is a sincere help, too.

Now, suppose the faithful few, here and there over our State, had become discouraged and turned loose last year when we could not get the support we so much needed? Don't you know that had we done so cotton would be under 10 cents now instead of 11 cents as it is on our market today?

We are in a righteous cause, others will see that we are and our ranks will fill up as the masses become more familiar with our object and purpose. Like the churn dash, we must keep agitating if we get the butter.

Yours very truly,
C. C. MOORE.

Ferrets Lay 'Phone Wires.

Do the labor unions know that ferrets and rats are working without union cards in Indianapolis, Terre Haute, Lafayette and Huntington, Ind.?

The fact admitted by Mr. Cline, superintendent of construction of a telephone company at Indianapolis. He states that they are used in connection with laying wires in underground ducts.

"When we first began to use ferrets," says Mr. Cline in a letter to St. Nicholas, "we baited them or enticed them through the duct by hanging a piece of raw meat at the opposite end. Our latest experiments have been by the use of a live rat, started through the duct ahead of the ferret. This entices the ferret to follow the rat through the section of duct to the next manhole, where the rat is caged and used for another section."

"Before starting the ferret through the duct he is harnessed up with a collar and girth, to which is attached the end of a ball of lacing twine. As the ferret goes through the duct he pulls the lacing twine after him and when he reaches the other end we have a string through which we pull a small wire through, and with this wire the pulling rope is drawn through the duct. The pulling in rope may be either one and a quarter inch manila or a five-eighths inch flexible wire."

"We also keep the ferrets well fed until within about twenty-four hours before they are used, as the tendency of a ferret is to do better work when he is hungry."

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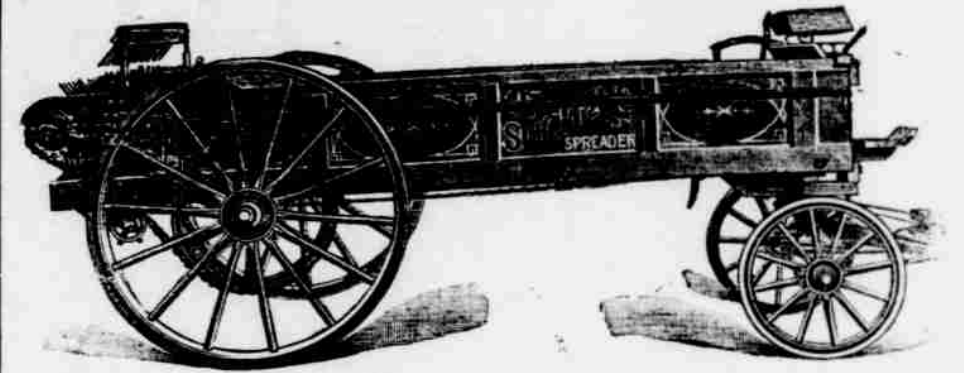
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I am much elated at the turn for good in our movement. I have never been really discouraged, though at times it has looked like the farmers were blind to their own interest.

My love to all the men and tell them to take the same message home to Mrs. Farmer.

Yours very truly,
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North Carolina.—Halifax County.

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This 7th day of March, 1907.
JAMES MARGARET LEGGETT,
Per Attorneys, Kitchin & Smith.
3-7-07.

Notice of Land Sale.

By virtue of the power in a certain mortgage executed by John T. Applewhite, deceased, of Halifax county, N. C., to Richard M. Whiteaker, deceased, of Nash county, N. C., duly recorded in book 94, page 132, Halifax County registry, the undersigned executor, duly appointed by the last will Testament of the said Richard M. Whiteaker, deceased, duly probated and recorded in book 5, page 481, in the Clerk of the Court office in Nash County, will on the fourth day of April 1907, at 11 o'clock a. m., at the court house located in Halifax county, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described real estate lying and being in Enfield township, Halifax county, N. C., and known and designated as follows, viz.: Adjoining the lands of estate of J. T. Applewhite, late of Nash county, N. C., and others and bounded on the East by deep creek, on the North by the Allbrook line, on the West by the Halifax road and on the South by the land of the estate of J. T. Applewhite, containing fifty acres and one fourth (59 1/4) acres more or less.

R. W. WHITEAKER, Executor.

Nashville, N. C.

This the 1st day of March 1907.

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